



Articles to
be enquired in the visita-
tion, in the fyrst yeeere of the
raigne of our most dread
Soueraigne Ladye
Elizabeth, by the
grace of God, of
Englande,
Fraunce, and Irelande,
Queene, defendour
of the sayth. &c.

Anno domini. 1559.

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Item, whether any
Parson, Vicar, or
Curate, be reli-
gent continually
vpon his bene-
fice, doing his du-
tie in preaching,
reading, and due-
ly ministering the
holy Sacramen-
tes.

Religion.

Item, whether in their Churches and Chap-
pelles, all Images, Shrynes, all Tables, Can-
delsticks, Trindelles, or rolles of ware, pictures,
payntinges, and all other monumentes of false
and false myracles, pilgrimages, idolatrie,
and superstition, be remoued, abolyshed, and de-
stroyed.

Falle myracles.

Item, whether they doo not euerye holy day
when they haue no Sermon, immediatly after
the Gospell, openly, playnely, and distinctly, re-
cite to their parishioners in the pulpit the Lordes
prayer, the beleefe, and the ten commaundemen-
tes in Englyshe.

The Lordes
prayer.

Item, whether they doo charge fathers and
mothers, masters, and gouernours of house, to
brynge them by in some deuotion, studie and occu-
pation,

To bring by
youth.

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- Curates.** 5 Item, whether suche beneficed men as be lawfully absent from theyr benefices; do leave theyr cures to a rude and vnlerned person, and not to an honest, wel learned, and expert Curate, whiche can and wyl teache you wholsome doctrine.
- Reading the scriptures.** 6 Item, whether they do discourage anye person from reading of any part of the Byble, eyther in Latine or Englishe, and doo not rather comforte and exhort every person to reade the same at convenient tymes, as the very lyuely worde of God, and the special foode of mans soule.
- Caternes and games.** 7 Item, whether Parsons, Vicars, Curates, and other ministers, be common haunters and resorters to Caternes or Alehouses, geuyng them selues to drynkyng, dyotyng, and playing at unlawful games, and do not occuppe them selues in the reading or hearyng of some part of holye scripture, or in some other godly exercise.
- Preachers.** 8 Item, whether they haue admytted any man to preach in theyr times, not being lawfully licensed therunto, or haue ben licensed accordyngly.
- Superstition.** 9 Item, whether they be to declare to theyr parishioners, any thyng to the extolling or setting forth of bayne and superstitious religion, pylgrimages, reliques, or images, or lyghtyng of

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candels, kysling, kneeling, or decking of the same images.

Item, whether they haue one booke or register to kept, wherein they wyte the day of euery wed-
ding, chrispenyng, and burying.

Register.

Item, whether they haue exhorted the people to obedience to the Queenes Maestie, and Ministers, and to charitie and loue one to another.

Obedience.

Item, whether they haue admonished theyr parishioners, that they ought not to presume to receiue the Sacrament of the body and blood of Christe, before they can say perfectly the Lordes prayer, the articles of the faith, and the ten commaundementes in Englishe.

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The Sacrament.

Item, whether they be resident vpon theyr benefices, & keepe hospitalitie, or no. And yf they be absent, and keepe no hospitalitie, whether they do relieue theyr parishioners, & what they geue the.

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Hospitalities

Item, whether Proprietaries, Parsons, vicars, and Clarkes, hauing Churches, Chappels, and Mansions, do keepe theyr Chauncelles, Rectories, vicarages, and al other houses apperteyning to them, in due reparations.

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Reparations.

Item, whether they do counsaile or moue their parishioners rather to pray in a tongue not knownen, then in Englishe, or put theyr trust in any cer-

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Prayer in English.

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Beades.

certayne number of prayers, as in saying ouer a number of beades, or other lyke.

Disfamed
persons.

- 16 Item, whether they haue receiued anye persons to the Communion, being openly knowen to be out of charitie with theyr neighbours, or disfamed with any notozious cryme, and not reformed.

Pooze mens
boxe.

- 17 Item, whether they haue provided, and haue a strong chesse for the pooze mens boxe, and set and fastened the same in a place of the Church, moſte conuenient.

Testamentes.

- 18 Item, whether they haue diligently called vpon, exhorted, and moued theyr parishioners, and especially when they make theyr Testamentes, to geue to the sayd pooze mens boxe, and to bestowe that vpon the pooze, whiche they were woont to bestowe vpon pylgrymages, pardons, trentalles, and vpon other lyke blynde deuotions.

Sycke.
Buriall.

- 19 Item, whether they haue denyed to visite the sycke, or burie the dead, beyng brought to the Church.

Symonie.

- 20 Item, whether they haue bought theyr benefices, or come to them by fraude, guile, deceyte, or symonie.

Waulcers.

- 21 Item, whether they haue gotten open monition to theyr parishioners, to detecte and presente to

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to they? Ordinary, al adulterers, & fornicatoins,
and suche men as haue two wyues lyving with-
in they? paryshes.

Item, whether they haue monished they? pari- 22
shoners openly, that they shoulde not sell, geue, Church
nor otherwyle alienate any of they? Church
goodes.

Item, whether they or any of them doo keepe 23
mo benefices and other Ecclesiasticall promoti- Many benefi-
ons then they ought to do, not hauyng sufficient
licences and dispensations thereunto, and howe
many they be, and they? names.

Item, whether they minister the holy Com- 24
munion any otherwyle then only after suche Communion,
fourme and maner as it is set forth by the com-
mon authoritie of the Queenes Maiestie and
the Parliament.

Item, whether you knowe any person within 25
your paryshe or els where, that is a letter of the Letters of the
worde of God to be read in Englyshe, or spyncerely
preached in place and tymes conuenient. chyrch.

Item, whether in the tyme of the Letanye, 26
or any other common prayer, in the tyme of the Gores out of
Sermon or Homilie, and when the Prieste rea- the Church.
deth the Scriptures to the parishioners, anye
person haue departed out of the Church, with-
out iuste and nedessarye cause, or disturbe the
Minister

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Minister other wyle.

27 **Church money** Item, whether the money containing and tyng of any cattell, or other moveable stockes of the church, and money geuen and bequeathed to the tyndyng of Candles, Wyndes, Tapers, or Lampes, not payde out of any landes, haue not ben employed to the poore mens ther.

28 **Keepers of the Church money** Item, who hath the sayde stockes and money in theyr handes, and what be theyr names.

29 **Contempt of Priests.** Item, whether any indiscrete person doo uncharitably contemne and abuse Pastors and Ministers of the Church.

30 **The Kinges Grammar.** Item, whether there be any other Grammar taught in any schole within this Diocesse, then that which is set forth by the authoritie of King Henry the eyght.

31 **The tyme of service.** Item, whether the seruice of the church be done at due and conuenient houres.

32 **Talkers in the Church.** Item, whether any haue bled to commune, fangle, and talke in the church in the tyme of the prayer, reacyng of the Homilie, preaching, reacyng or declaryng of the scripture.

33 **Heresies.** Item, whether any haue wylfully maynteyned and defended any heresies, errors, or false opinions, contrary to the sayth of Christ and holy scripture.

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Item, whether anye be common drunkardes, 34
swearers, or blasphemers of the name of God. Drunkardes.

Item, whether anye haue committed adulterie, fornication, or incest, or be common bawdes, 35
or receyuers of suche euyl persons, or be vehemently suspected of any of the premises. Adulterers.

Item, whether anye be brawlers, slaundersers, 36
chyders, scolders, and sowers of discorde betwene one person and an other. Brawlers.

Item, whether you knowe any that doo vse 37
charmes, sorceries, enchauntmentes, inuocations, circles, witchcrafts, soothsaying, or any like craftes or imaginations trauentured by the deuill, and specially in the tyme of womens trauaile. Sorcerers.

Item, whether the Churches, pulpittes, and 38
other necessities apparteynyng to the same, be sufficiently repayred, and yf they be not, in whose default the same is. Pulpittes.

Item, whether you knowe anye, that in contempt of theirowne payre Church, doo resort 39
to any other Church. Relaters to other Churches.

Item, whether anye Inholders, or Alehouse 40
keepers, do vse commonly to sell meate and drinke in the tyme of common prayer, preaching, reading of the Domitian, or scripture. Inholders.

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41 Item, whether you knowe any to be married
Deuor. within the degrees prohibited by the lawes of
god, or that be separated or deuorced without the
degrees prohibited by the lawe of God, and whe-
ther any suche haue married agayne.

42 Item, whether you knowe any to haue made
*Prinie con-
tracts.* priuie contracts of Patrimonie, not calling two
or moe witnesles therevnto, nor hauyng thereto
the consent of their parentes.

43 Item, whether they haue married solemnely,
Banes. the banes not fyrst lawfully asked.

44 Item, whether you knowe any executours, or
Executours. administratours of dead mens goodes, whiche
doo not onely bestowe suche of the sayde goodes,
as were geuen and bequeathed, or appoynted to
be distributed among the poze people, repayryng
of hygh wayes, syndyng of poore scollers, or mar-
ryng of poore maydens, or such other lyke chari-
table deedes.

45 Item, whether you knowe any that keepe in
Images. their houses anye vndeaced Images, Tables,
Pyctures, Payntinges, or other Monumentes
of faigned and false miracles, pygymages, Ido-
latrie, and superstition, and doo adore them, and
speciallye suche as haue ben set up in Churches,
Chappels, or Oratories.

46 Item, what bookes of Gods Scripture you
Bookes. haue

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haue deliuered to be burnt, or other wise destroy-
ed, and to whom ye haue deliuered the same.

Item, what bybes the accusers, promoters, ⁴⁷
persecuters, Ecclesiastical Iudges, and other the ^{Wibres.}
Commissioners appoynted within the seuerall
Diocesse of this Realme, haue receyued by them
selues or other, of those persons whiche were
in trouble, apprehended, or imprisoned for religi-
on.

Item, what goodes moueable, landes, fees, of ⁴⁸
fices, or promotions, hath ben wrongfully taken ^{Loss of}
away in the tyme of Queene Mariess raigne, ^{goodes.}
from any person whiche sauoured the religion
nowe set forth.

Item, howe many persons for religion haue ⁴⁹
died by fyre, famine, or other wise, or haue ben im- ^{Howe many}
prisoned for the same. ^{are burnt.}

Item, that you make a true presentment of the ⁵⁰
number of all the persons whiche dyed within ^{Certificates}
your parishes, sithen the feast of Saint Iohn the ^{of the dead.}
Baptist, which was in the yere of our Lord God,
a thousand, fyue hundred, fiftie, and eyght, vnto
the same feast last past: making therein a plaine
distincte declaration, howe many men, women,
and men chyldren the same were, and the names
of the men.

Item, whether you knowe any man in your ⁵¹
parishe ^{Secret Master}

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perils, fardels, or in vnlawfull conuenticles,
lay, or vnlawfull Masse, or any other seruice prohibi-
ted by the lawe.

52 **Item,** whether you knowe any person in your
parishe, to be a slanderer of his neighbours, or a
sower of discord betweene partie and partie, man
and wife, parentes & their chyldren, or that hath
inuented, brayted, or set forth any rumours, false
and seditious tales, slaunders, or makers, byrn-
gers, byers, sellers, keepers, or conueighers of any
vnlawfull booke, which might styre and prouoke
sedition, or mainteine superstitious seruice with-
in this realme, or any ayders, counsaylers, procu-
rers, or maynteyners thereof.

Unlawfull
bookes.

53 **Item,** whether the Church of your parishe be
nowe vacant or no, who is the Patrone thereof,
howe long it hath ben vacant, who doth receiue
the tithes, oblations, and other commodities dur-
ryng the tyme of the vacation, and by what au-
thoritie, and in what estate the sayde Church is
at this tyme, and howe long the Parson or Vicar
hath had that Benefice.

Patrone.
Cures.
Vacation.

54 **Item,** whether any Minstrelles, or any other
persons, doo ble to sing or say any songes, or vi-
ties that be vile or vncleane, and specially in de-
rision of any godly order nowe set forth and esta-
blished.

Minstrelles.

55 **Item,** whether the Letanie in Englyshe, with
the

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the Epistle & Gospel which was by the Queenes
highnesse Proclamation wyllled to be read to the
people, were put in use in your Churches, and yt
not, who were the letters thereof.

Item, whether the Curates and Ministers do
leisurely, playnely, and distinctly reade the pub-
lique Prayers, Chapters, and Homilies, as they
ought to doo.

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Distinct
reading.

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